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## Students face hearing after St. Martin fire

By Contessa Crisostomo

Staff Writer

Two St. Martin residents face a university judicial hearing after a lit candle in their closet set fire to their St. Martin Hall dorm room early Wednesday morning.

The fire was reported at approximately 2 a.m. when St. Martin resident assistant Nicole Bohannon, junior, pulled the fire alarm.

"I just walked out and saw residents banging on the door and saw smoke pouring from the top and bottom of the door," said Bohannon. "I broke the glass and pulled the fire alarm, and went around and told everyone to leave; that's it's real."

The fire originated in a room on the second floor. All students in the building were evacuated to the Fulton parking lot. The Salisbury Fire Department responded and extinguished the fire. "The fire lasted only for a short period of time, under 30 minutes, however the scene was not secure for close to 3 hours," said University Police Chief Edwin Lashley.

Students were left waiting in the parking

lot for almost an hour before they were ushered into Fulton Hall to warm up, where many students found spots on couches, chairs, and on the floor, wondering when they would be let back in.

Like most students, sophomore Francie Sechler was asleep when the alarm went off. "One of the RAs said it might be two hours until we're let back in and I have work at 7:45 in the morning," she said.

"In light of the situation, the students were doing great," said Sine. "Makes my job a lot easier."

While no injuries were caused during the incident, personal property and the suite were damaged from the fire and smoke.

Salisbury Fire Department PIO Steve Dickerson said that the fire was confined to the dorm of origin, but there was a considerable amount of smoke damage. The smoke damage was not confined to the room, however, and traveled to surrounding rooms.

Junior John Thompson lives above the damaged room and said smoke traveled up through the door and through the bathroom vent.

"I took my clothes to the dry cleaners, but my carpet is ruined," said Thompson. "[On Friday], they had the cleaners come to the room because it smelled pretty bad."

The four students in the suite have been temporarily placed in rooms in Severn and St. Martin Halls.

University Police Chief Edwin Lashley said that criminal charges will not be made by SU's police department.

"The students will be held accountable for their actions," said St. Martin Hall resident director Amy Sine, "but we do not know what their sanctions will be until after a hearing."

"The actions taken by all involved led to a safe and efficient disposition of a dangerous incident," said Lashley. "The practice of random fire drills and alarm equipment proved to be important factors in eliminating injury and reducing damage during this incident."

Lashley said that the most frequent causes of fires in colleges are candles and clothes dryers with clogged filters.



Contessa Crisostomo/The Flyer

Students were evacuated around 2 a.m. from St. Martins Hall on Wednesday morning, following a fire in one of the dorms that was caused by a lit candle. Some residents waited outside for over an hour and a half before being able to return to their rooms

## Campus promotes activities to bolster Homecoming spirit for 80th anniversary

Laura D'Alessandro

Editor-in-Chief

Salisbury University's 80th anniversary sparked a renewed effort by the campus community to fan student spirit by providing a blaze of week-long activities. Campus pride and tradition were key to this year's "still going strong, 80 years long" theme.

"A lot of people put a lot of effort into it this year," said Julius Jones, president of the Student Government Association.

NAACP and SGA sponsored Spirit Week, a series of fun events for the students, beginning with Monday's Pep Rally and culminating with Friday's Spirit Day. Students earned spirit points for every activity they participated in, with prizes awarded to the student club earning the most points.

"Spirit Week wouldn't have been a success without all the other organizations that helped out with everything that went on," Jones said.

Senior Wendy Finley, NAACP president, spearheaded the organization of SU's first Pep Rally, in an effort to raise student enthusiasm. Jones said Finley worked all summer to create new plans for Homecoming 2005.

"Wendy did an awesome job," said Rohry Flood, graduate assistant in Student Activities. "Over 600 students turned out [for the Pep Rally] and stayed for the whole thing."

Clear skies and a cool breeze on Saturday morning provided the perfect setting for the homecoming parade. The Baltimore Westsiders returned to lead the parade across



Chris Baum/The Flyer  
Julius Jones and Megan White are voted in as Homecoming King and Queen.

"It was amazing!"  
-Julius Jones

Route 13 onto campus. Members of the Homecoming court waved to viewers as they made their way to the football stadium for the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen. Julius Jones and Megan White were chosen as this year's King and Queen.

"It was amazing," Jones said. "I was very happy and appreciative to be named King."

Alumni and students strayed over to the intermural fields after SU's victory over Newport News to enjoy the Block Party activities.

The evening was topped off by a Holloway



Kat Hess/The Flyer  
Heather Hall paints a young girl's face, during the block party held on Saturday at the Intermural Fields.

Hall performance by magician Brian Brushwood, sponsored by SOAP

Compared to previous Homecoming weekends, Jones said this year was much

better.

"We had a phenomenal amount of participation," he said.

"It seemed to me that turn-out was larger

[this year] than in the past," said Student Activities Director Heather Holmes. "There was a lot of participation."



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## News briefs

SALISBURY ZOO: "NIGHT OF THE LIVING ZOO"

The Salisbury Zoological Park's annual Halloween event, Night of the Living Zoo, is scheduled to take place Friday and Saturday, October 14 & 15, 2005 from 6:00-9:00pm.

Make plans to come with family and friends for a spooky hike through the zoo that will entertain and educate you about the Zoo's creepy, crawly, nocturnal inhabitants.

The Zoo provides a safe, family-oriented Halloween experience for the community. Those who attend are educated and entertained, tricked and treated, thrilled and chilled throughout the event. Special performances by D'Ann Danes Studios are sure to captivate Zoo visitors.

Advance tickets are on sale at a discounted rate in the Zoo's Ocelot Spot Gift Shop, while tickets at the gate will be available for \$5/child and \$8/adult. For more information call 410.548.3188 or visit www.salisburyzoo.org

DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER PROGRAM

This program is designed to identify Maryland students who attend Maryland community colleges and provide a transfer scholarship incentive for them to enroll in a Maryland 4-year college or university as a full-time undergraduate student. The amount of the scholarship is \$3,000 per academic year.

Applications and information can be found on the MHEC website: [http://www.mhec.state.md.us/financialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog\\_D\\_SCTT.asp](http://www.mhec.state.md.us/financialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_D_SCTT.asp)

The deadline for consideration for the 2005-2006 academic year is November 1.

For further information please contact Maura Sappington, 410-260-4545, at the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

## Senior CIA analyst to speak at Salisbury

By Sean Gossard  
Staff Writer

McGovern has worked for the CIA as an analyst for 27 years, spanning from the offices John F. Kennedy to George W. Bush. Through those years he has seen the change in the views of the CIA. In 2003 McGovern helped to create the Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity or VIPS. This program was made to counteract the political pressure that current analysts faced to help justify an unprovoked attack on Iraq.

In the same way the Vietnam War defined the period of the 60's and 70's our generation is being defined by the War in Iraq. The war is a major part in all of the political and social movements of today. McGovern will be speaking from a non-partisan view and will be able to answer any questions that people may have. He has worked with different political parties and hopes to clear up any unanswered questions students may have regarding the war and the CIA's involvement.

The main focus of his presentation will be on the intelligence aspect of the war and how it was used to get America into the war. He will be discussing how the CIA played its role in the Iraq War and give an insiders look at defining political issues of our time.

## Maloof speaks about environmental issues

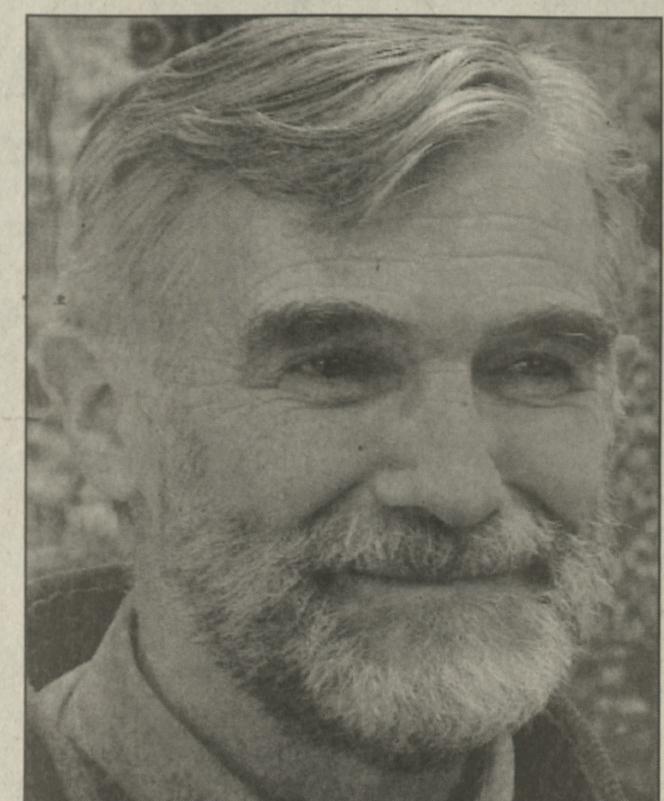
By Sean Gossard  
Staff Writer

This past Tuesday Dr. Joan Maloof, assistant professor in the Department of Biology at Salisbury University, spoke about her new book "Teaching the Trees: A Lesson from the Forest."

During the meeting Dr. Maloof talked about her new book, a series of personal meditations on the forest and environment which focuses on various environmental issues around the East Coast, and examines the fragility of the environment. Maloof discussed the relevance of her book to the environment around Salisbury and in Wicomico County.

She showed examples of the destruction and deforestation caused by developers in the course of erecting new housing developments.

A main point in her book and Environmental Issues class is



Submitted Photo

from 7:30p.m until 9:30p.m in Holloway Hall and will be a formal presentation in the Iraq War and will be open to the public. The second session will be a more casual discussion in which McGovern will be able to answer questions in depth and engage audience members in debates and will be held from 2pm until 4pm in Holloway Hall. The last of the sessions will be

the sessions there will be a reception in Holloway Hall's Social Room. For more information, call 410.543-6030.

Salisbury for 13 years and has helped with many different programs around campus. She assisted in the founding of the Center for Conflict Resolution on campus.

She graduated from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor in Plant Science then later received her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland in Ecology, and is currently teaching Environmental Science and Biology here at Salisbury.

The seminar was sponsored by the Wicomico Environmental Trust, or WET, which performs environmentally beneficial acts throughout the county, including river clean-ups, research on recycling, and various activities involving the governments view on the environment.

Dr. Maloof has worked at

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## Crime beat

09/25/05  
00:07 AM

Alcohol Violation - A student was found to be in possession of an alcoholic beverage in the area of Red Square. The student is underage and was issued a civil citation.

09/25/05  
01:50 AM-01:55 AM

Theft - A pizza delivery driver reported that two pizzas were stolen from inside of an unlocked delivery vehicle.

09/25/05  
02:16 AM

Assault - Officers responded to a call of a disturbance between Chester Hall and Severn Hall. An argument between students and a non-student visitor turned into a fight. A student has been charged criminally on a Criminal Summons. University Judicial charges are pending.

09/19/05-09/26/05  
00:01 AM-05:00 PM

Theft - A student reported a bicycle had been stolen from a bike rack located near Chesapeake Hall. The bicycle was locked to the rack with a cable lock.

09/28/05  
01:59 AM

Fire - University police and maintenance personnel responded immediately and helped contain a fire to a limited area in St. Martins Hall. The Salisbury Fire Department responded and extinguished the fire. The residence hall was evacuated. The fire was caused by a lit candle which made contact with clothing items stored in the room. No injuries were reported.

09/28/05  
05:30 PM-05:51 PM

Theft - A student reported a textbook was stolen from the University Center Fireside Lounge. The textbook was left unattended.

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## SU holds first ever Pep Rally



Students get on their feet to support the sports teams during Salisbury's first pep-rally in campus history, held Monday in Maggs gym.



Chris Baum/The Flyer

By Kevin Banks  
Staff Writer

Salisbury University had their first ever pep rally in the Maggs Gym Last Monday. Students, faculty, and athletes joined in and celebrated the kick off of spirit week, bringing the total to about 500 people. The whole event lasted from 8 until 9:30pm.

"I think it's something that Salisbury really needed. Last year needed something and I think that this is it," said Marylin Sanders, sophomore student at Salisbury University.

Tickets for door prize raffles were sold from 7 pm to 8 pm, and gave students chances to win items such as a \$25 gift card to Blockbuster, an Mp3 player, a fleece blanket, a cordless phone, and many more.

"I hope we get as many people as possible," said Sherise Lewis, treasurer of SU's chapter of NAACP, as she handed out tickets.

In the beginning of pep rally, the SU Chorus sang to start off the event. Following their performance, the Vice President of Student Affairs addressed the assembly,

and spoke about the Salisbury University spirit, students, and athletes.

Several sports teams, including the women's field hockey and cross-country teams celebrated school spirit with the crowd by engaging them in team pre-game cheers. SU's cheerleading squad also performed for the crowd.

"This is awesome, lots of people got together from different clubs. This is the first year that everyone has gotten together and raised school spirit like this," said Greg Cannon, an SU student and athlete.

"Pep rally is a great idea for school unity. I'm really looking forward to coming back as a SU alumnus. I hope SGA and NAACP continue to do this as the years go on," said Hyun Schenina, vice president of Student Affairs.

"From what I saw, it was a tremendous activity, an activity that generated so much school spirit. And Wendy Finley [SU NAACP president] and those who helped her are to be commended. The pep rally will probably make this year a great school year," said Vaughn White, director of Multicultural student services.

Although the pep rally was initially met with doubt and criticism, many agree that it was a great event to attend. "I really liked the pep rally. It felt like high school," said Algerson Vincent, a senior at Salisbury University. "I normally wouldn't come out, but I'm really glad I did. Everyone did an excellent job."

Nicole Nesbitt, a senior at SU said the pep rally was "Pretty good, especially since I won! But it was good for the first one. I'm sure it will get bigger as the years come."

Finley said that planning for the rally has been taking place ever since April, which is when the idea was presented at an NAACP meeting.

Students, Advisors, and Faculty agree that the addition of pep rally makes a completed homecoming and boosts school spirit for Salisbury University.

"Spirit week was a high school thing, but we added more flavor. We also got a lot of freshmen support as far as ideas," said Finley.

## SU offers free online courses to hurricane victims

By Charles Bloom  
Staff Writer

Salisbury University professors offer free online courses as part of the Sloan semester program, which will provide college credit to students affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Sloan Semester is a product of the Sloan Consortium, the association of institutions and organizations which lists as their mission a dedication to producing quality online education as will be accessible and affordable to everyone.

As a member organization, the University System of Maryland was contacted by the Sloan Consortium to solicit course proposals. The Provosts of Maryland Universities were then contacted.

Sloan Semester courses are offered at an accelerated pace, occurring over 8 weeks between October 17 and December 16.

All courses are offered free to students impacted by any major hurricane, including National Guard members called to duty to assist with their aftermath. One goal of the program is to "help these students start to salvage their academic hopes following these disasters, according to the Sloan Semester website. While those affected by the hurricane receive priority, the courses are also available to other students at a cost determined by the offering University. Each course carries full academic credit.

"There are now more than 1,000 courses available to choose from, offered by over 200 institutions, from marquee name Universities to Community Colleges

who are waiving tuition and fees," said Frank Mayadas, Program Director of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

The USM Board of Regents has encouraged each university to make online courses available as one initiative in preparing for an influx of students over the next several years.

Salisbury University has already completed two cycles of training and development under advisement of Melissa Thomas, Director of Teaching and Learning Resources. "It was the availability of the courses developed through the training program that made it possible for us to participate in the Sloan Program," said David Buchanan, Salisbury University Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Although some compensation is provided through a \$1 million grant from the Sloan foundation, the professors involved cited the desire to give something back as their motivation.

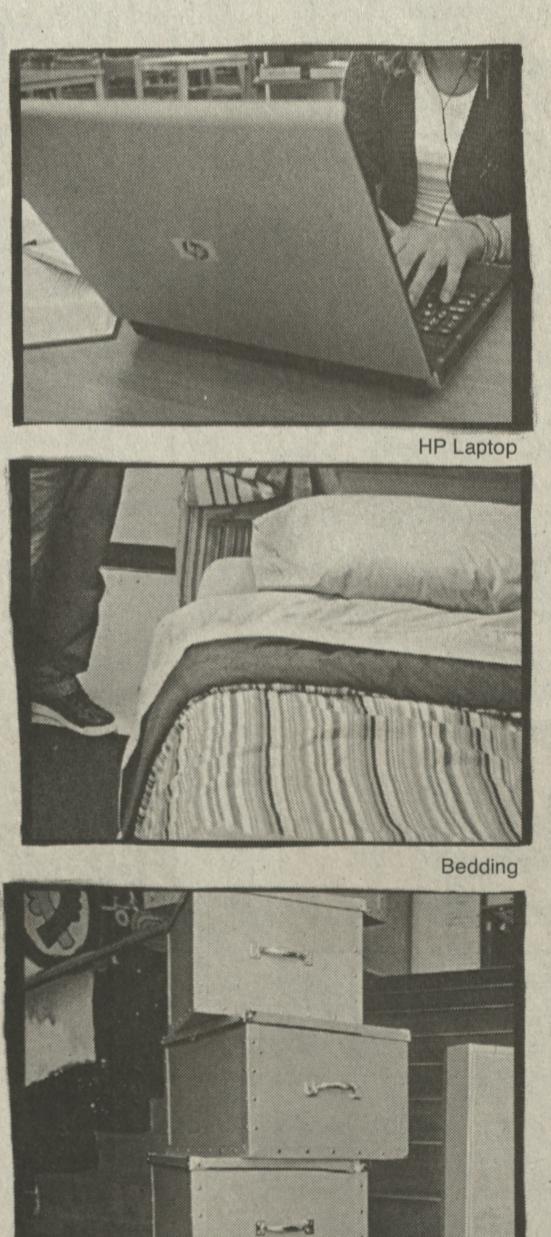
"Although I donated money to hurricane Katrina victims, I still feel I should do more to help," said Chrys Egan, a professor in the Communication and Theatre Arts department. The Communication Theory course she is offering was previously taught online in Summer 2005.

Harel Barzilai in the Math/Computer Science department is another professor offering a course. "Those students affected by the hurricanes have enough to worry about in their lives," said Barzilai. "If SU faculty can help at least alleviating some of their academic challenges, then we should do so."

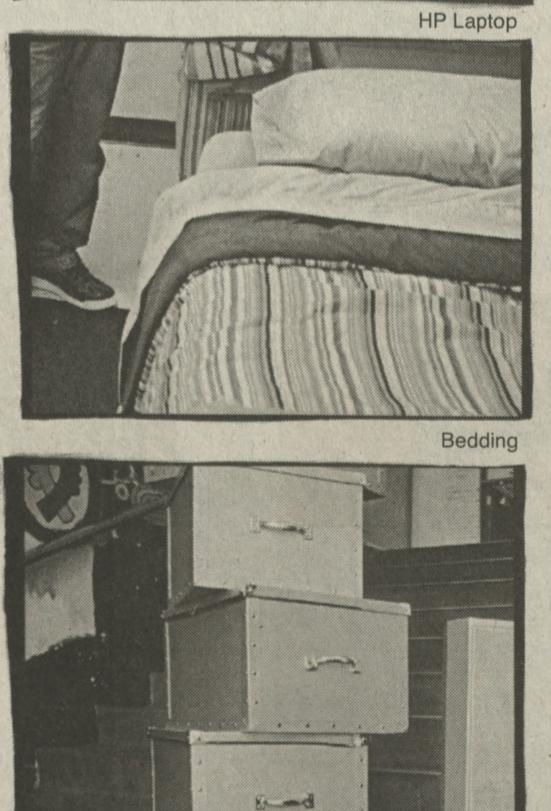
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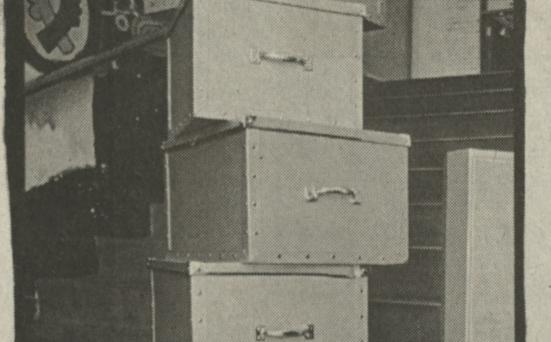
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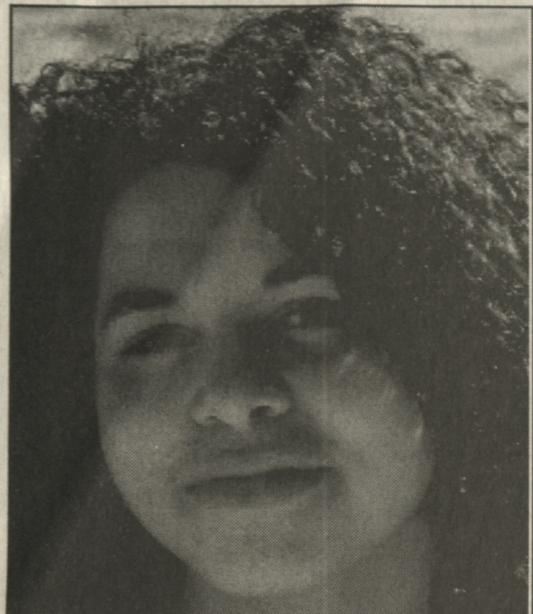
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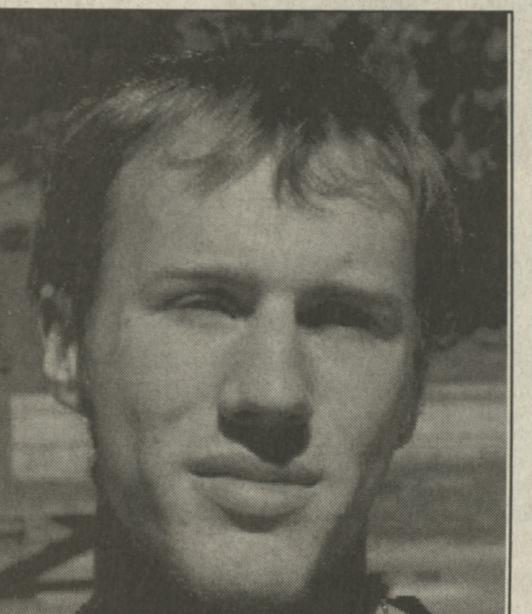
## Overheard: Do you have school spirit?

By Lindsey Richman, Staff Writer



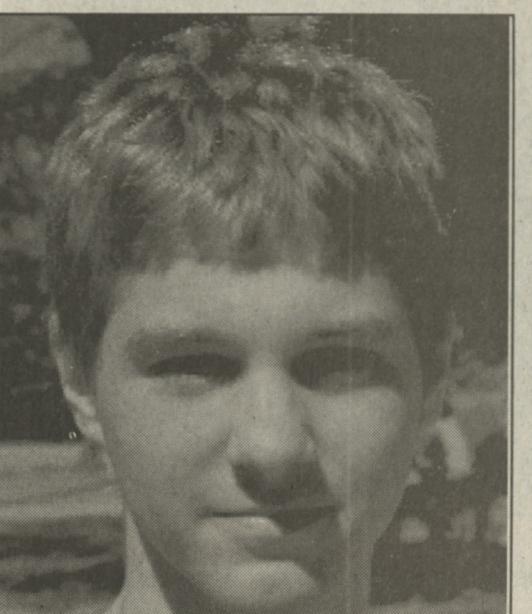
Not really, I live off-campus, I just go to class. I don't go to games or anything.

- Emily Micon, junior



Yeah I guess I do because I love the school and the campus.

- Halston Ericson, sophomore



Not really because I just transferred here.

- Jeremy Kirkendall, sophomore



I used to be because it was new and exciting and now it just faded out.

- Wendy Haughwout, senior

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## We can't afford any more Bushes

Election thief, September 11, Osama Bin Laden, Iraq, Treasonate, Katrina, FEMA, Tom Delay, Medicaid "reform", slashed environmental regulation, Social Security privatization, \$7 trillion national debt, \$500 billion deficit... the list goes on and on. One example after another shows that we can no longer afford this administration.

We can't afford it in terms of lives lost and wrecked by an unjustified and unnecessary war for reasons that officially keep changing by the minute, but which really amount to nothing more than a thuggish attack on another country to feed our addiction to oil. Far from demonstrating our strength, Iraq exposes the weakness of our foreign policy by showing the difficulty of an illegitimate regime here has in subduing even a weak and conventionally defenseless country. To learn more, attend former CIA Analyst U.S. McGovern's presentation "Iraq, How we got in, and how we might get out" at 7:00 PM on Oct. 12 at Holloway Hall, Salisbury University.

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The rich don't need these programs - that is why they are targeted.

We can no longer afford what has become the mantra of Republicans since Reagan - "tax cuts" - borrowing from our children to finance giveaways to corporations and the already wealthy, while the poor, elderly, veterans, and the working person receive most of the impacts - in reduction of services, a deteriorating educational system, higher costs for health care and medicines, the debasement of the dollar, and inflation.

We can't afford continued loss of our standing in the world, where we are no longer respected for our commitment to freedom and human rights, but instead, are feared for our reckless use of military power to bully other nations into line.

We can't afford the loss of confidence in government is bound to follow scandal after scandal. Treason investigations get slow-rolled while the perpetrators continue in office.

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## Time to end our occupation of Iraq

Four years ago we were shaken when four passenger airliners were hijacked and used as weapons against us. We pulled together as a nation and demonstrated our resolve to remain strong in the face of terror. The majority of Americans supported our decision to invade Afghanistan to reduce threats to our security.

The administration talked of a "war on terror" and those who listened carefully soon heard Iraq mentioned in the same breath as al-Qaeda. We were told Saddam Hussein controlled weapons of mass destruction and presented a severe threat to the world.

The Bush administration did not listen to the United Nations or world opinion when we invaded Iraq. There was no proven link between Saddam and terrorist organizations — and there were no WMDs.

We opt for the use of force and pre-emptive strikes, we create enemies who organize against us.

The greatest cost of this war has been human suffering. We have also lost the respect of much of the world

## Out of the Suggestion Box

This column is based on the comments and concerns offered by students, faculty and staff via the suggestion boxes placed around SU campus. The President's Office staff seeks responses to the issues raised from appropriate campus personnel. Not everything can be changed, but when not a reasoned explanation can be offered. Keep those suggestions coming!

We can no longer afford our national addiction to a dwindling world supply of oil. Signs abound that world production of oil is at or very near the peak and will soon start to decline. This at a time when world demand is on the increase, and competition for oil will produce more wars, more price fluctuations, and more instability in oil-producing states. We must act wisely, if it is not too late already, and kick our oil rights, but instead, are feared for our recklessness use of military power to bully other nations into line.

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# Salisbury's ethnic restaurants offer new choices

New flavors and atmospheres provide multi-cultural experience for students on a budget

By Contessa Crisostomo  
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When it comes to eating establishments, Salisbury is not known for its diversity. Route 13 is filled with the old stand-bys of fast food, pizza, and Chinese take out. From pizza coupons in campus mailboxes to Chinese food menus stuck on doors, it's no secret that college students make up a large portion of take out restaurants' customers. However, tucked in between the college classics are small ethnic restaurants that offer another universe of gastric delights.

Sushi is a healthy choice and, surpris-

ingly, can be quite filling. Luckily, students may walk to get this Japanese favorite outside of Sushi Night at the Commons. Fuji Japanese restaurant can be found near Hollywood Video, a mere five-minute walk from campus. They offer a wide variety of sushi la carte, but also offer sushi combos.

The Sushi Roll Combo comes with six pieces of tuna roll, six pieces of cucumber roll, and eight pieces of California roll, all for \$10.95, which is enough for an entire meal.

Senior Emily Reeks enjoyed the Chesapeake roll, which included crab and shrimp tempura. "I thought I was going to get 6 pieces,

but instead I got 4 big ones, which was okay," she says.

They also offer other dishes such as chicken, beef, shrimp, or vegetable teriyaki, shrimp or vegetable tempura, as well as an assortment of sashimi (sliced raw fish). Prices of entrees range from \$9.95 to \$18.95.

Fuji also has a lunch menu, which includes sushi combos, vegetable or shrimp tempura, and chicken teriyaki. Prices range from \$9.95 for two California rolls to \$11.95 for the sushi and sashimi combo.

Shalimar, an Indian and Pakistani restaurant, is the epitome of small, unique ethnic restaurants in Salisbury. Located in a small com-

plex on Route 13 on the way to the mall, the quaint restaurant offers an assortment of Indian and Pakistani favorites.

Prices are reasonable, ranging from \$8.95 to \$14.95. Each entrée comes with either rice or naan, hot freshly baked bread. While one student criticized that her chicken korma dish (chicken in a spicy sauce) was not spicy enough, she still claimed it was delicious and very filling for a great price. Another favorite was the chicken bori, which consisted of cubes of grilled chicken served with a yogurt-based sauce and fresh tomatoes and green peppers. They also offer a buffet during

lunch time on weekdays.

Seoul, the new Korean restaurant next to Mulligan's, is merely two weeks old, but already sparking interest with the locals. The restaurant offers authentic Korean dishes from as low as \$6.95 to \$16.95.

Entering the restaurant walking into a little Korea. Customers sit on mats placed on benches at the tables and some may even opt to sit cross-legged without chairs on mats in front of their plates to complement the meal.

Seoul offers lunch specials of 16 dishes Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with prices ranging from \$6.95 to \$9.95.

Restaurants inspired by countries such as Pakistan, India, and Japan. The diverse atmospheres are welcome to Salisbury students, and invites their appetites.

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## Bhagwat brings traditional Indian culture to SU

By Lindsey Richman

Staff Writer

This Wednesday Sudha Bhagwat will be visiting Salisbury University's Holloway Hall as part of this year's cultural events theme: a year of languages.

Sudha is a unique performer who will not only lecture about the traditional Indian culture but will perform traditional dance and songs. She uses gestured language in her dance and shows off her unique costume style as well as teaching the sense of mythology of Indian dance.

During the hour performance students will be able to experience five thousand years of Indian tradition in addition to learning the proper way to wear an Indian sari.

Sophomore Shondolyn Haynes says, "It's something different. I mean you see stuff like Indian dances on TV but not in person."

During her time here she will also be practicing these traditional Indian dances with SU students.

Junior April Outten says, "I think that this will definitely be interesting and something that would be cool to see."

Bhagwat's performance is free and is sure to enlighten the minds of anyone there.

June Krell Salgado who is in charge of this event says, "This year is centered on diversity for the year of the languages. This is one event geared towards that." Sudha's dress alone will dazzle audiences and make them want to dance just like her.

This is the second dance performance of the semester. Many more dance performances and speakers will be on campus for the year of the languages.

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## "A Prayer for Owen Meany" is irreverently funny

By Erin Kraus  
Staff Writer



In John Irving's book *A Prayer for Owen Meany*, Owen is an abnormally small boy with a girlish high-pitched voice so strange that Irving decided to emphasize it by putting his dialogue in all capital letters. He also happens to be completely and utterly convinced that he was born to be an instrument of God.

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## Football sets new scoring record



Chris Baum/The Flyer

SU played to a packed stadium during their blow-out win against Newport News Apprentice on Saturday.

By Shawn Nisson

Staff Writer

The No. 20 Salisbury University football team set a new school scoring record by beating Newport News Apprentice 77-13 on Saturday.

The game started out ominously enough for the Gulls losing eight yards on their first possession and going three and out. After forcing the Builders to punt on their first possession, Byron Westbrook fumbled the ensuing punt and Apprentice recovered at the Salisbury 19 yard line. The Builders (3-2, 1-2 CAC) scored two plays later on a Bruce Freeman 17-yard scamper for the score, but the Gulls were able to block the point after,

keeping the score 6-0.

Salisbury took the lead for good 52 seconds later after Alfred Little went 60 yards for a score and Brock Boland split the uprights for the point after. These were the first of 77 unanswered points scored by the Gulls offense which was firing on all cylinders. The Gulls accumulated 532 yards of total offense and 11 touchdowns, nine touchdowns and 379 yards of which came on the ground.

Leroy Satchell led the Gulls with three touchdowns on 11 rushes for 56 yards, along with backup quarterback Ronnie Curley, who rushed eight times for 80 yards and two scores. Starting quarterback Travis Peters was 6-10 through the air for

131 yards and two touchdowns, and he also rushed the ball five times for 58 yards and a score.

Ronnie Shockley, three rushes for 12 yards, and Antwonie Jackson, six rushes for 33 yards, both got into the back of the end zone, as well. Francis Bryant led the Gulls receiving core with four receptions for 116 yards. Chris Newton, one catch for nine yards, and Alfred Little, one catch for six yards, each scored touchdowns on their lone receptions.

The Gulls (4-1, 2-0 CAC) defense was dominant all day, allowing only 168 yards of total offense from the Builders. The Gulls allowed only 11 first downs and held the Builders

to 1-for-15 on third downs. Matt Feiser and Justin Ritter each led the team with five total tackles; three of Ritter's tackles were for a loss.

Terrance Dorsey had the Gulls only interception of the game which ended a long Builders drive near the end of the first half. Andrew Deming and Zach Armiger each recorded a sack for the Gulls defense. The team effort by the Gulls defense held the Builders starting quarterback Robby Goodman to 4-20 passing for just 38 yards with one interception, two sacks and no touchdowns.



Chris Baum/The Flyer

Francis Bryant avoids a tackle during SU's homecoming game against Newport News Apprentice on Saturday.

## Field Hockey extends win streak to 43



Laura Emmons/The Flyer

An SU player keeps the ball away from a Goucher opponent. The Gulls won Thursday's game 12-0.

By Matt Petersen

Staff Writer

The Salisbury field hockey team notched its 42nd and 43rd consecutive victories this past week with wins over Goucher College and Messiah College. The Gulls demolished Goucher 12-0 on Thursday and then beat No. 3 Messiah 5-2 on Saturday.

Salisbury, ranked number one in the country, improved its overall record to 10-0 and its CAC record to 3-0.

The Gulls were heavy favorites over Goucher College, which came into Thursday's game without a win on the season. However, these types of games come with a distinct set of challenges. Head coach Dawn Chamberlin did not want her team to lose focus while playing an inferior opponent.

"There is a tendency to play down to the level your opponent," Chamberlin said. "We tried to focus on things we needed to practice."

The Gulls goal in the game was to not allow any shots on net, and they achieved this by out shooting Goucher 36-0.

"We wanted to play our game and not change our style," said Chamberlin. The Gulls did just that in the rout over Goucher.

Eight members of the team scored on Thursday, including three goals by Megan Powell and two goals by Natalie Beck. SU scored eight goals in the first half and cruised through

the second half to the victory.

The game with Messiah on Saturday presented a whole new set of challenges for the team. Messiah proved to be a major challenge for the squad as they head into the homestretch of the season.

With the game knotted at one after the first half, the Gulls needed an offensive explosion to beat down Messiah.

"Our strength is our ability to score. We have eight players who can put the ball in," Chamberlin said.

SU out shot its opponent 22 to 10 in the second half and outscored Messiah four to one en route to a 5-2 victory. The scoring was led by Lynette Sgrignoli with two goals. Sarah Tracey, Tracey Lloyd, and Powell each recorded one goal. The defensive effort was led by goalie Maria Romoundos, who recorded four saves on six shots.

Salisbury has six games left before the first round of the CAC championships, and the Gulls look to be in good shape to make a run for yet another CAC title and another national title. The squad will return to CAC action with a game against Catholic University on Oct. 5th.

The team proved its worth this past week, showing it can maintain focus when playing an inferior team and showing it can rise to the occasion and beat a very good opponent.

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"I think they took advantage of our mistakes; we gave them a lot of free balls and shot it down our throat," said Knight.

The fourth game proved to be a battle. The score went back and forth early until Salisbury grabbed a 16-11 lead. The advantage for the Sea Gulls quickly evaporated into a 21-21 even score. Salisbury took the lead back at 25-21, highlighted by some key blocks from junior setter Abby Petrecca and Cipollone. The Eagles still didn't give up, cutting the lead to 26-25, but some key tips from Cipollone helped the Sea Gulls sneak away with the game and

match, 30-28.

"I think it is really important when the game is tight to put the ball [in the right spot]," said Cipollone.

Lawson and Cipollone helped pace the Sea Gulls offensively while senior outside hitter Brittany Mister and Petrecca led Salisbury's defense with 23 and 22 digs a piece. The Sea Gulls had 16 team blocks highlighted by five from senior outside hitter Allison Wine, and four each for Lawson and Petrecca. Mister was honored before the game for her 1,000th career kill, which took place earlier this season.



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Lady Gull's head coach Margie Knight gives talks over plays during their game against the University of Mary Washington on Wednesday.

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